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SIR:

This Amendment is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 3, 2008 the term for response to which expires on December 3, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1 and 9 are amended; claims 2 and 3 are maintained; and claims 4-8, 10 and 11 are canceled.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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